

## LAWMAKERS TO AID RETIREMENT BILL

Representatives Pledge Support at Meeting of Civil Service Association.

### CLERKS MUST WORK IF THEY WOULD WIN

"Get Together and Decide What You Want." Is Advice of Speakers.

Constant and energetic work in impressing Congress with the wishes of civil service employees of the Government is the policy outlined for the United States Civil Service Retirement association at a meeting in the Public Library last night. Besides officers and members of the association, three representatives spoke and gave promises of their assistance in endeavors to obtain the enactment of a retirement bill.

Representative Calder, of Brooklyn, said the 3,000 civil service employees in Washington out to be active, and he assured members of the association that no department heads would interfere with employees reasonably exerting themselves in favor of legislation for retirement, which he said was preferable to a pension system. He told the association members they would succeed ultimately, but that he hoped their success would come during the present short session.

**Bennet Pledges Support.**  
"I shall have a little retirement myself to look after on March 4," said Representative Bennet of New York, who was defeated for re-election in November. He promised to vote for a retirement bill in any shape presented before March 4. He declared the Government and the people had to decide whether they wished the spoils of the civil service system, and that if the civil service were chosen, it must be recognized that a retirement system necessarily is its proper accompaniment. In some respects there existed in departments what was virtually a retirement system, old clerks being reduced to minor positions at less pay. Such demotions, he said, opposed the progress of civil service reform.

"The present unofficial pension system is more expensive than a retirement system would be," he added.

**Hamill in Line.**  
Representative Hamill of New Jersey, said he hoped for success of the civil service employees in getting an enactment of a retirement bill, and promised his assistance.

Edward J. Cantwell, secretary of the association, and of the National Association of Letter Carriers, told his hearers they would have to take an active interest in their retirement if they wished to be retired. They must talk to their representatives, and to do that intelligently, he counseled, they must learn what they wanted and what right they had to ask for it.

"The sentiment in favor of this retirement policy has crystallized more in the last year than ever before," he said, "but the credit belongs to civil service employees in Washington. The work has been done by employees outside the District. Let your representative know what you want—no pension bill, and no compulsory savings bill, but a retirement bill. And remember that retirement and increased salaries don't ever go together. Try to get a retirement bill passed, but don't join it with anything else, especially with a bill for more pay. Get retirement first."

**Old Men Efficient.**  
President M. F. O'Donoghue introduced the speakers and made short addresses in presenting them. George Baker, a clerk in the Treasury Department, represented the statements that the old men in the departments were inefficient. He told of experiences in his twenty-five years of service, and said the cost of living had steadily and swiftly increased, while salaries had remained stationary. H. W. Sanford, of the General Land Office, told of the difficulty Government employees had in trying to save money out of salaries that barely provided a living for their families.

## UNCLE SAM'S AUCTION BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

Sale of Articles Accumulated in Dead Letter Office During Last Year Covers Range From Pins to Diamonds—Everything Imaginable to Be Sold.

If one were to imagine all the rummage sales ever held by all the Ladies Aid Societies in the world rolled into one, a fair idea might be gained of the auction sale for which Uncle Sam is preparing in Washington.

Next Monday, at the rooms of C. G. Sloan & Co., auctioneers, at 1407 G street northwest, will begin the sale of the articles accumulated in the Dead Letter Office since one year ago. The catalogue for the sale has been issued, after weeks of hard labor. It contains nearly 300 pages of closely printed matter, and enumerates thousands of different articles, of every possible description.

There are three schedules. These are books, jewelry, and miscellaneous. The last is the largest of the three, by many times, and is the very embodiment of the word "miscellaneous."

Beatrice Barefacts' suggestions for Christmas presents are but the feeblest of efforts compared to this schedule of the dead letter sale. "Head-to-foot" outfits, emporiums for "everything for the home," "we do it all" stores—not even the offerings displayed in a pawnbroker's window can be mentioned in the same breath with Uncle Sam's annual bargain counter.

Glancing at random at the "miscellaneous" schedule, one finds under lot

No. 5379 one cartridge reloading tool, one woman's outing flannel nightgown, saw set, two man's neckties, liquid pistol, hair switch, piece soutache braid, safety razor blades, six tea spoons, and a pair of shears.

If variety is sought there is a tobacco pipe, a razor, a fountain pen, typewriter ribbons galore, neckties, hose, shoes, furs, handkerchiefs, bibs, gloves, spectacles, a telescope, two stopwatches, tableware of all kinds, two beehive crowns, more safety razors, toothbrushes, hypodermic needles, hardware and castings, rubber stamps, more safety razors, hair puffs, but why go any further through the 229 pages.

If one can not attend the auction to see for oneself, why read the schedules of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law—it will do just as well. Besides, the library which has found its way into the office of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. DeGraw, who is in charge of the dead letter division, is more interesting. The sale will start at 10 a. m. and continue until 7 p. m. each day, beginning Monday, until all the goods are sold.

## LINCOLN TRIAL REPORTER DEAD

Joseph P. Murphy Took Notes of Testimony Against Slayers.

Joseph B. Murphy, who took the notes of the trial of Lincoln's assassination in 1865, died at his home in Philadelphia yesterday. Mr. Murphy was a resident of Philadelphia, but lived in Washington during the trial.

A widow and nine children survive, also three brothers and two sisters, two of whom are well-known residents of the Capital. They are, Edward V. Murphy, for many years a Senate reporter, and Mrs. Hannah Kinney, who has apartments at the Northumberland. Dominic Murphy, former Commissioner of Penitentiaries, and secretary of the Irishman commission, now United States consul at St. Gall, Switzerland, is a brother.

Pennsylvania Special Through To Chicago. Pennsylvania Railroad's fastest train, leaves Washington 3:40 p. m., arrives Chicago 8:55 next morning. Arriving sleeping car from Washington.—Adv.

## Says European Ancestry Was Yellow and Black

The population of Europe is entirely made up of the descendants of Africans and Mongolians, according to Dr. Eugen Oberhummer, professor of historical geography in the University of Vienna, who lectured last night at the Cosmos Club. The lecture was illustrated.

## Milk Expert Will Talk.

Dr. Knox of Baltimore, who first drew the attention of the medical profession to the connection between milk and infant mortality, will make an address at the meeting of the Monday Evening Club December 19. It was decided by the club yesterday. A committee on housing was appointed, and twenty-seven applications for membership voted on.

## Race Segregation Bill Before Baltimore Body

BALTIMORE, Dec. 6.—Preparations are being made today to place the bill providing for the segregation of races before the second branch of the city council. The ordinance passed the first branch yesterday by a unanimous vote. Mayor Mahool will sign it.

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The linen used in their making is a specially good quality of pure linen—imported. The embroidery work is all done by hand and the designs are exquisite. The designs are eyelet work, in floral effects. Some are in the fasten-side styles and others in panel effects. All have the Gibson pleat at shoulder and laundered detachable collar and cuffs. They are fastened with fine pearl buttons. Large variety of styles of embroidery work to choose from. ALL sizes—bust 34 to 44—collar 12½ to 15.—Second floor.

### \$6.00 All-wool blankets, \$4.95

Strictly all wool, 70x84. There is no cotton whatever in the warp or filling. A gift that almost anyone would appreciate who has the comfort of the house to consider. These are plaids in blue, pink, tan, brown, and gray.

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### SILK HOSIERY makes a nice present

Any of these boxed without charge. These are extra good qualities.

PURE SILK HOSIERY, black and all colors, 75c

SILK THREAD HOSIERY, black, white, and colors, spliced sole, garter top, extra fine quality, a pair..... \$1.00

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McCALLUM SILK HOSIERY, medium and extra sizes, the most reliable hosiery made, several qualities as follows:—

\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00

First floor—Hosiery Department.

### Women's ribbed vests

Seconds of the 75c and \$1 50c kinds. Special at.....

These are ¼ wool, Jersey fitting, ribbed, high neck, crewel color. Sizes 6, 8, and 9 only, and vest only. 50c is the price tomorrow.

WOMEN'S Jersey fitting medium and light weight Union Suits, high neck, long sleeves, and ankle length, seconds of the \$1.00 quality, size 8 only, a suit..... 59c

WOMEN'S Jersey fitting, ribbed Corset Covers, French cut, high neck, and long sleeves, bleached. Medium sizes.... 50c Extra sizes.... 59c

WOMEN'S CORSET COVERS, high neck, long sleeves, fall weight Jersey fitting, French cut, 25c all sizes, at.....

First floor—Underwear.

### Boxed Neckwear

Practical gifts that are pretty too

Fluffy jabots of net, Swiss Rabats. Lace Rabats, Silk Bows, Velvet Rose Bows, Swiss Collar and Cuff Sets, Wind-Ties, Moll Ties, and American Irish-Lace Rabats.

Handsome lace and net jabots, round lace collars, lace rabats, fine mull rabats, silk bows, black lace stock collars, black net rabats, black silk stock collars, plain or figured head scarfs, lace and Swiss embroidery collar and cuffs sets—1st floor—Neckwear Section.

At 25c

At 50c

### Women's and children's SWEATER COATS

WOMEN'S Sweater Coats, all wool, fancy stitched, in all white, or white with combination of colors, such as sage, gold, rose, alicia blue, and in tan and black. Also other novelty sweaters, special at..... \$3.00

WOMEN'S Sweater Coats, fancy or plain stitched, high neck or shawl collar, with pockets; choice of white, black, tan, and other colors. Special value at each..... \$5.00

MISSES' Sweater Coats, in all white, or red and combination of colors; pockets, nicely made, reduced from \$2.00 to..... \$1.50

First floor—Underwear section.

### Stamped belts for 10c

Stamped Belts, 28 to 36 in. long, in designs for embroidery or braiding. It takes but little time to embroider these—3d floor, Art Section.

### Sateen lambrequins for 29c

These are quite pretty. White ground, with floral designs, in yellow, light blue or pink; fringed. 3d floor—Art Section.

### DRESS GOODS

SPECIAL TOMORROW. \$1.50 Imported Black Henrietta, 48 in. wide, yd..... \$1.00

SPECIAL TOMORROW. \$2.00 Imported Henrietta, in all staple colors, 48 in. wide, yd..... \$1.10

## COOKING BY ELECTRICITY

### Receives Stamp of Approval of Navy Department

FOR a number of years the superiority of electricity for lighting and power purposes has been understood, but it is only in recent years that electrical cooking has "come into its own." The report mentioned in the above news item states that the results of extensive tests have demonstrated its superiority over other kinds of cooking. Experts in cooking all over the world have arrived at the same conclusion.

Electrical cooking appliances are cleaner, more convenient, and do better work than other cooking devices.

### The Cost Is Very Reasonable

Electrical ranges and utensils are on display at this Company's office, where full information regarding cost, etc., will be given. You are invited to call.

## Potomac Electric Power Co.

213 14th Street N. W.

Phone Main 7260

News item which appeared in Washington Times, Friday, December 2, 1910.

## ELECTRIC COOKING IN NAVY A SUCCESS

Chief Equipment Clerk's Report of Extensive Tests Tells of Advantages.

Electric cookers are giving satisfaction in the navy, according to the annual report of A. C. Wrentham, chief clerk of the Bureau of Equipment of the Navy Department.

Extensive tests with electric cooking and baking appliances have been carried on during the last year. The results have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the officers the superiority in many respects of electric ranges and bake ovens over the ordinary type.

Arrangements have already been made for installing them on ships now being built. It is believed electric cooking and baking apparatus will be used exclusively on ships in the future. They are declared to be especially suited to use on submarines, where the greatest economy of space must be practiced.

Saving of space is a big item. In some cases, it has been found advisable to replace steam heating apparatus by electric heaters, especially on larger vessels.

### Children's desk and chair sets

We must dispose of these quickly as we have no room to store them, but the purchase price was too tempting to resist, as you will think tomorrow.

Desk folds flat, as illustrated, made of selected ash, finely varnished, has blackboard, 23 in. high, 21 in. wide. Chair has solid seat, also made of ash, and exactly as illustrated. 22 inches high. Regular sale price is \$2.50. The two tomorrow for..... \$1.49

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Girl's Sled, 42 inches long, top 12 inches wide

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